

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH), and the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SHELBY).

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote or change their vote?

The result was announced—yeas 47, nays 49, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 159 Leg.]

YEAS—47

Barrasso	Graham	Paul
Blackburn	Grassley	Portman
Boozman	Hagerty	Romney
Braun	Hawley	Rounds
Burr	Hoeben	Rubio
Capito	Hyde-Smith	Sasse
Cassidy	Inhofe	Scott (FL)
Collins	Johnson	Scott (SC)
Cornyn	Kennedy	Sullivan
Cotton	Lankford	Thune
Cramer	Lee	Tillis
Crapo	Lummis	Toomey
Cruz	Marshall	Tuberville
Daines	McConnell	Wicker
Ernst	Moran	Young
Fischer	Murkowski	

NAYS—49

Baldwin	Hirono	Rosen
Blumenthal	Kaine	Sanders
Booker	Kelly	Schatz
Brown	King	Schumer
Cantwell	Klobuchar	Shaheen
Cardin	Leahy	Sinema
Carpenter	Lujan	Smith
Casey	Manchin	Stabenow
Coons	Markey	Tester
Cortez Masto	Menendez	Van Hollen
Duckworth	Merkley	Warner
Durbin	Murphy	Warnock
Feinstein	Murray	Warren
Gillibrand	Ossoff	Whitehouse
Hassan	Padilla	Wyden
Heinrich	Peters	
Hickenlooper	Reed	

NOT VOTING—4

Bennet	Risch
Blunt	Shelby

The motion was rejected.

APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair appoints the following conferees, which the clerk will report.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the names of: Senators CANTWELL, MENENDEZ, WYDEN, PETERS, MURRAY, BROWN, WARNER, KELLY, WARNOCK, HICKENLOOPER, TESTER, HEINRICH, BALDWIN, WICKER, CRAPPO, RISCH, BURR, PORTMAN, GRASSLEY, SHELBY, TOOMEY, BARRASSO, CAPITO, CORNYN, YOUNG, and MORAN.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The junior Senator from Delaware.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. COONS. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the following nomination: Executive Calendar No. 589, James D. Rodriguez, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training; that the Senate vote on the nomination without intervening action or debate; that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table; that any statements related

to the nomination be printed in the RECORD; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate resume legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report the nomination. The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of James D. Rodriguez, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Rodriguez nomination?

The nomination was confirmed.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will now resume legislative session.

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—S. 4132

Mr. COONS. Madam President, I understand there is a bill at the desk that is due for a second reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the bill by title for the second time.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 4132) to protect a person's ability to determine whether to continue or end a pregnancy, and to protect a health care provider's ability to provide abortion services.

Mr. COONS. In order to place the bill on the calendar under the provisions of rule XIV, I would object to further proceedings.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection having been heard, the bill will be placed on the calendar.

MORNING BUSINESS

REMEMBERING THOMAS OAKLEY

Mr. DURBIN. Madam President, Tom Oakley was a man with a mission. His mission was to put Quincy and Western Illinois on the map. The only sure way to do that was to personally redraw the maps. So he did.

In the late 1950s, there was not a four-lane highway anywhere within 100 miles of Quincy, IL. Critics called the region: "Forgottonia." Thomas Oakley had more than a good memory. He had a vision, and Western Illinois was not about to be forgotten.

Any political candidate who paid a visit to Tom's Herald-Whig editorial board knew what to expect. No complimentary coffee or cool glass of water until Tom asked the question. With a dead serious look and his deep bass voice, he skipped the pleasantries.

"What's your position on completing the four-lane Central Illinois Expressway all the way to Quincy?"

"I am for it," I quickly answered as a congressional candidate in 1982.

Tom smiled and asked how I liked my coffee. It was the beginning of a beautiful friendship.

For decades, Quincy and the Tri-States had no greater advocate than Tom. His indefatigable voice for the region rightfully earned him the honor of having a 60-mile stretch of the Chicago to Kansas Expressway highway named after him. From Quincy to Macomb, it is the Thomas A. Oakley Highway now. He also helped grow his family's media company Quincy Media, Inc., into the 13th largest media company in the country. Last month, Tom passed away, and today, we honor the memory and legacy of my friend.

Tom was a member of the fourth generation of his family to work for Quincy Media, which operates the Quincy Herald-Whig, the Hannibal Courier-Post, and WGEM television and radio. Quincy Media has properties in several other markets as well. He was born to Thomas C. and Mary Oakley on June 24, 1932. As a young person, he began his career as a carrier boy for the Quincy Herald-Whig. In summers, he worked for Quincy Broadcasting and the Quincy Herald-Whig.

After graduating from Quincy High School in 1950, Tom earned a bachelor's degree in economics from Duke University and joined the U.S. Air Force in 1954. He served for 3 years, 2 of them flying a B-47 bomber with the Strategic Air Command. Tom was honorably discharged with the rank of first lieutenant in 1957 and was a captain in the Inactive Reserves. In 1958, he returned to Quincy and the family business.

Tom became the president and CEO of Quincy Media in 1969, following the death of his father. Under his leadership, he led the company through decades of growth, adding television stations in several markets and one additional newspaper. Tom also championed efforts to improve the Quincy infrastructure. He used his personal leadership and expanding media outlets to promote improving the quality of life in the region.

For more than 60 years, Tom worked toward developing a highway for the Tri-States, which had been bypassed by the Eisenhower era infrastructure boom. He was on an untold amount of committees throughout his life. Tom helped found the Joint Industrial Development Commission, the first unified effort to build the economy of the Tri-State region. This was a predecessor of the Great River Economic Development Foundation, which remains a driving force to improve Quincy and Adams County.

Tom made things happen. Every Governor since Otto Kerner, who was elected in 1960, heard about the Western Illinois highway needs from Tom. He was instrumental in securing funds to complete the Central Illinois Expressway from Springfield to the Mississippi River at Hannibal, the Chicago to Kansas Expressway, and the Avenue of the Saints from St. Louis to Minneapolis. There is now a four-lane bridge over the Mississippi River at Hannibal, too. He threw his weight behind projects to